

DR. EUGENE WASDIN AND DR. H. D. GEDDINGS.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE

TRANSMITTING

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR EXPRESSING THE DESIRE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO BESTOW UPON DR. EUGENE WASDIN, OF THE MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE, AND UPON DR. H. D. GEDDINGS, OF THE MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE, CERTAIN DECORATIONS OF HONOR.

JANUARY 11, 1901.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 10, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that the Italian Government has, through its ambassador at this capital, expressed a desire to bestow upon Dr. Eugene Wasdin, of the Marine-Hospital Service, the Cross of Officer of SS. Maurizio e Lazzaro and upon Dr. H. D. Geddings, of the Marine-Hospital Service, the Cross of Chevalier of the same order, in recognition of their services in verifying and confirming the Italian studies and discoveries in regard to the nature of yellow fever.

I have the honor to bring the matter to the attention of the committee with a view to obtaining the permission of Congress for this Department to deliver and for the officers to receive the decorations in question.

A copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury approving this Department's application is inclosed.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

DAVID J. HILL,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. WILLIAM P. FRYE,
Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 3, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of December 31, 1900, inclosing copy of personal and confidential note from the Italian ambassador at this capital, stating the desire of his Government to confer certain decorations upon Dr. Eugene Wasdin and Dr. H. D. Geddings, of the Marine-Hospital Service, for their services in investigating the nature of yellow fever.

In reply I have to inform you that this Department appreciates the honor conferred upon these officers and has no objections to interpose to their acceptance of the same, subject to the consent of the Congress of the United States required by statute in such cases.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington, D. C.

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